

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: PG #68-13-8

Building Date: ca. 1927

Building Name: Lightbown Building

Location: 3842-56 34th Street, Mt. Rainier

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description

3842-3856 34th Street is a two-story five-by-two-bay brick commercial building with a rectangular plan. The facades are sheathed with brown brick and a crown molded metal cornice conceals a west sloping shed roof. The building contains five storefronts on the east (34th Street) facade and the second story contains apartments. The bays of the east facade are defined by brick pilasters with limestone or concrete bases and capitals. The four southernmost storefronts are equal in size and the northernmost is slightly larger. The four southern storefront have a rectangular plan plate glass show window on a brick base with a transom above. The entrances are recessed at right and contain a single wood and glass door. The storefronts share a molded metal cornice that is interrupted by the facade's brick pilasters. The second story of each bay contains three attached 1/1 sash and centered double-hung windows. Above the second story is a molded metal cornice resting on top of the pilaster capitals. The pilasters extend above the second story cornice and each bay is defined by a recessed brick panel that forms an unadorned entablature.

Significance

The commercial building at 3842-3856 34th Street (Block 7, northeast part of Lot 19, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier) is significant as a nearly intact example of early 20th century mixed-use construction. The building's main (east) facade is essentially unaltered and the combination of details found in the storefronts and the modulation of the bays with their brick pilasters, contrasting bases and capitals and metal cornices give the commercial block a well-defined and articulate, neo-classically inspired expression. The present building can be dated to 1927 when improvements valued at a total of \$12,500 were first indicated for the northeast portion of Lot 19. The building was erected by Charles M. and Maud E. Lightbown. Ownership of the present building remained within the Lightbown family until 1943 and since then it has had a succession of owners.

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lightbown Building

and/or common 3842-3856 34th Street

2. Location

street & number 3842-3856 34th Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Mt. Rainier ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Fernando and Hilda M. Torres

street & number 7112 Pindell School Road telephone no.:

city, town Fulton state and zip code Maryland 20759

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4321

street & number Main Street folio 223

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 40

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1927 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

CONTRIBUTING

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The present building can be dated to 1927 when improvements valued at a total of \$12,500 were first indicated for the northeast portion of Lot 19.¹ The building was erected by Charles M. and Maud E. Lightbown who had purchased Lot 19 from Florence O. Quimby in 1910.² Prior to that the lot had a succession of owners and had been previously improved. At 1921 fire insurance map indicates that the portion of Lot 19 occupied by the present building had been improved by a one-story, iron-clad, two-unit commercial building containing a grocery and dry goods store to the north and to the south contained a two-story, two-unit frame storefront building housing a confectionary and butcher shop.³

Ownership of the present building remained within the Lightbown family until 1943 and since then it has had a succession of owners (see Chain of Title). In 1974 the building was purchased by Fernando and Hilda Torres and presently houses the following shops:

3842:	Durham's Hairstylist
3846:	T-Shirt Shack
3850:	Vacant
3854:	Margie's Place-Ice Cream
3856:	Pat's Pizza and Carryout

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1927-1930, p. 187. -
- 2 Prince George's County Land Records, 66:445.
- 3 Sanburn Insurance Map, 1921, p. 4.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Howard S. Berger, Consultant

organization Historic Preservation Commission date March 1988

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-4609

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title
3842-3856 34th Street

PG #68-13-8

4321:223 7 January 1974 Deed	Dominic P. and Anna N. DeSarno and Donald J. and Patricia A. Caulfield to Fernando and Hilda M. Torres. Grantors convey northeast 52 feet by 106 feet of Lot 19 in Block 7, Roger's Section Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded 2:458. Same obtained from Phyllis M. Myers, 2 August 1971, 3975:293.
3975:293 2 August 1971 Deed	Phyllis M. Myers to Dominic P. and Anna N. DeSarno and Donald J. and Patricia A. Caulfield. Grantor conveys part of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from DeSarnos and Caulfields and Bond L. and Geneva B. Holford, 21 August 1971, 3975:291.
3975:291 21 August 1971 Deed	Dominic P. and Anna N. DeSarno, Donald J. and Patricia A. Caulfield and Bond L. and Geneva B. Holford to Phyllis M. Myers. Grantors convey part of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Salvatore J. and Mary R. Latona, 22 July 1966, 3363:480.
3363:480 22 July 1966 Deed	Salvatore J. and Mary R. Latona to DeSarnos, Caulfield and Holford. Grantors convey part of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Louise K. Smith, surviving tenant, 25 April 1960, 2444:403.
2444:403 25 April 1960 Deed	Louise K. Smith, surviving tenant Clyde W. Smith to Salvatore J. and Mary R. Latona. Grantor conveys part of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Morris M. Aein, et al., 3 January 1945, 765:261.
765:261 3 January 1945 Deed	Morris M. Aein, et al., to Clyde W. and Louise K. Smith. Grantors convey part of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Florence I. and Bennett L. Lightbown, 2 December 1943, 721:280.
721:280 2 December 1943 Deed	Florence I. and Bennett L. Lightbown to Morris M. Aein, et al. Grantors convey part of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Kathleen L. Williams, 7 March 1935, 447:251.
447:251 7 March 1935 Deed	Kathleen L. Williams to Florence I. Lightbown. Grantor conveys all of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Bennet L. and Florence I. Lightbown, 7 March 1935, 444:292.
444:292 7 March 1935 Deed	Bennett L. and Florence I. Lightbown to Kathleen L. Williams. Grantor convey all of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Maud E. Lightbown, 24 November 1933, 409:247.

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409:247
24 November 1933
Deed
Maud E. Light~~b~~own, surviving tenant, Charles M. Lightbown to Bennett L. Lightbown. Grantor conveys all of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Florence O. Quimby, 31 October 1910, 66:445.

66:445
31 October 1910
Deed
Florence O. Quimby to Charles M. and Maud E. Lightbown. Grantors convey all of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Mary Jane and Wallace W. Parsons, 1 December 1906, 38:196.

38:196
1 December 1906
Deed
Mary Jane and Wallace W. Parsons to Florence O. Quimby. Grantors convey all of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Fred A. and Florence V. Holden, 15 April 1906, 30:545.

30:545
15 April 1906
Deed
Fred A. and Florence V. Holden to Mary Jane Parsons. Grantors convey all of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Fred W. and Rosa Lepper, 10 July 1903, 14:198.

14:198
10 July 1903
Deed
Fred W. and Rosa Lepper to Fred A. Holden. Grantors convey all of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Allen C. and Mary McLean, 18 February 1903, 11:279.

11:279
18 February 1903
Deed
Allen C. and Mary McLean to Fred W. and Rosa Lepper. Grantors convey all of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from Phil W. Chew, 20 November 1901, 7:239.

7:239
20 November 1901
Deed
Phil W. Chew to Allen C. and Mary McLean. Grantor conveys all of Lot 19 in Block 7. Same obtained from American Security and Trust Company, 8 May 1901, 2:455.

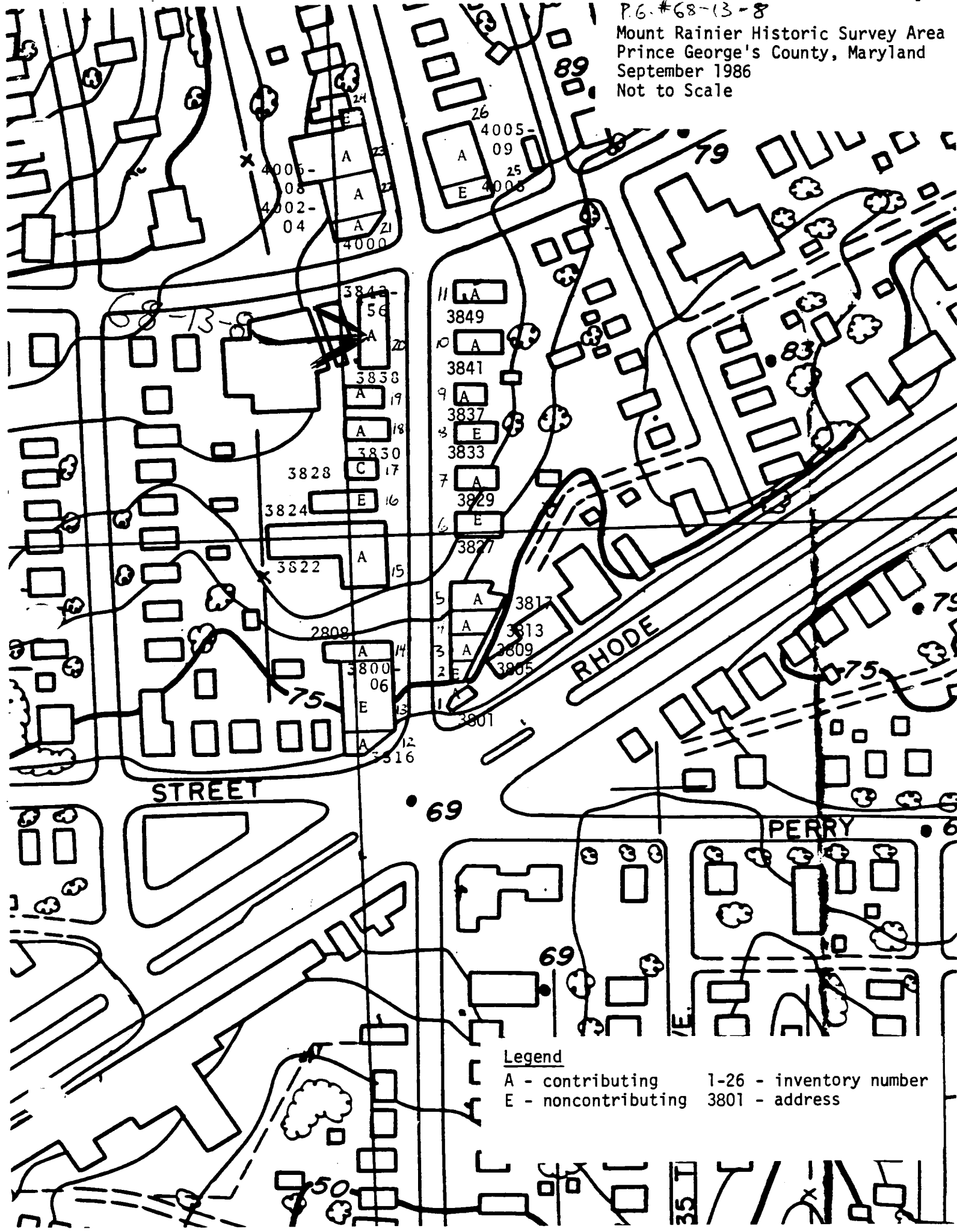
2:455
8 May 1901
Deed
American Security and Trust Company to Phil W. Chew. Grantor conveys Lot 19 in Block 7. To clear title, this deed is made.

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Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area
Prince George's County, Maryland

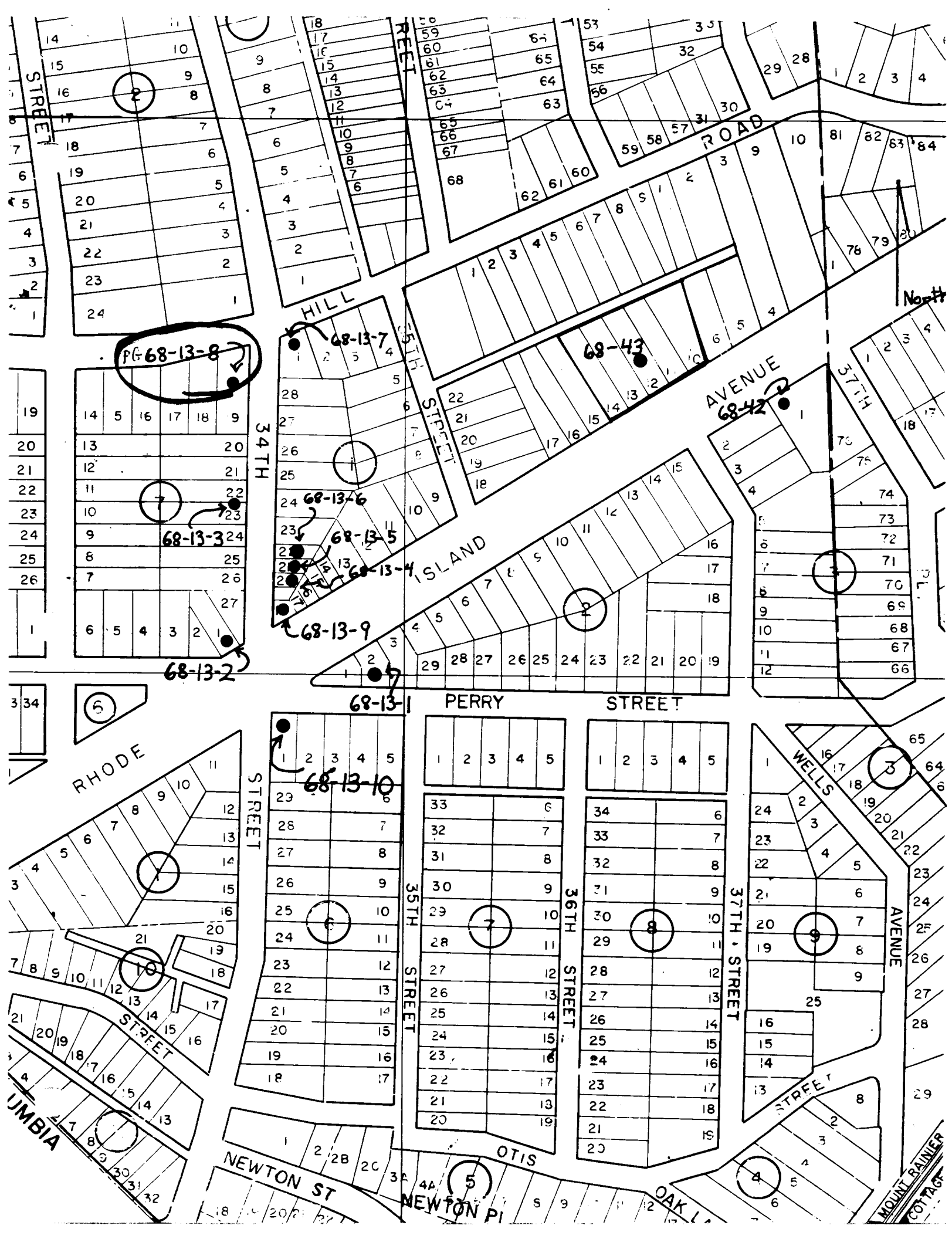
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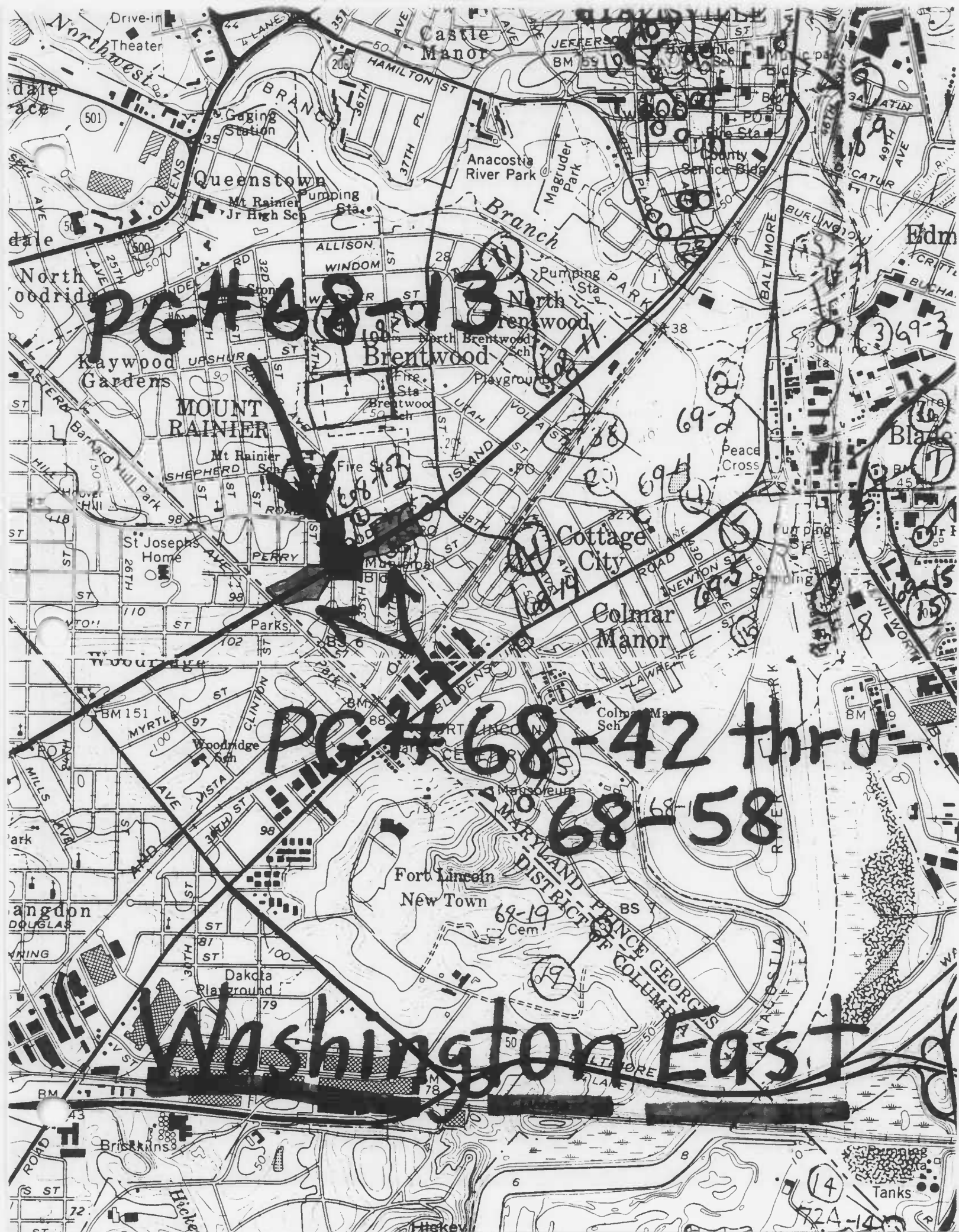
Not to Scale



Legend

A - contributing	1-26 - inventory number
E - noncontributing	3801 - address







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Lightbourn Building
Prince George's County, MD
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Summer, 1986

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